

24 Oct - 25 Oct

Chronology

- 9:20 P.M. Fred Collins, London Times, called for Bromley Smith for a Sunday article. Will call tomorrow morning.
- 9:30 P.M. McNamara's office called to say no answer yet to Bundy's question on intercept operation. McNamara later got answer to Bundy.
- 10:25 P.M. Brubeck called to say letter from Khrushchev being transmitted electronically. State would also distribute copies to Ball, Defense, CIA, Treasury, and AG.
- 10:27 P.M. Bundy notified of Khrushchev letter.
- 10:50 P.M. Text received and read to President at 10:50. Bundy read text at 11 P.M. Copy sent to Vice President.
- 11:00 P.M. Received transcript of U Thant's appeal. (Text given Bundy and President.)
- 12:00 Midnight Brubeck authorized to make text of Khrushchev letter available to Adlai Stevenson.
- 1:45 A.M. President's reply to Khrushchev sent to Soviet Embassy and copies (2) to Brubeck, Vice President, McNamara, McCone, AG, and Dillon. (Message cleared by President, Rusk, Ball, Gilpatric, and Thompson.) Text also wired Kohler NIACFT for immediate delivery Soviet Foreign Office.

2:35 AM

Stevenson's diplomatic replies to U Thant received. (Given Bundy after a copy)

Six available for distribution to other principals - if that is order of the day - VP, AG, Dillon, McCone, McNamara, the President.

0630 AM

MS. 11... P.M.

Bromley - Other side don't message also attached. Done

In regard to distribution on the copies.